A VIEW of a partially demolished heritage building opposite the Civil Court in Hyderabad.—Umair Ali

Work begins to preserve heritage sites in Hyderabad

Monuments of religious, cultural and historical nature are mostly located in the district's City taluka and its older areas; a total of 3,371 sites across Sindh have already been listed as 'protected heritage properties'

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: The Sindh government seems to have started actively working on the preservation of heritage sites across Hyderabad's City taluka amid multiple complaints pertaining to violation of the relevant laws.

The officials concerned have started conducting a survey of heritage sites across the taluka and preparing their reports following a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Syed Asif Hyder Shah four days ago.

The Dec 29 meeting of the 'Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage in Sindh' resolved to launch a province-wide comprehensive survey of heritage buildings in order to strengthen the protection, preservation and documentation of cultural assets.

It was informed that the last survey was conducted in 2017 which had identified and officially designated 3,371 structures as 'protected heritage properties'.

Lately, a Heritage Preservation Cell was set up in the office of the Assistant Commissioner (AC) City, Syed Noor Hussain, for the uplift, preservation, documentation and promotion of architectural and cultural heritage of Hyderabad's Old City area.

Its purpose, according to the AC, is to safeguard such heritage for present and future generations. Speaking to *Dawn*, he said that the cell would function as a dedicated unit for the identification, documentation, mapping, archiving and uplifting such sites within the Hyderabad's City taluka; and also disseminating all related information to the general public.

Creation of this cell is the first initiative of its kind in the city, at least in the recent past.

The 10-member cell comprises the mukhtiarkar of Hyderabad city, four city surveyors and as many under-training mukhtiarkars.

Heritage sites of religious, cultural and historical nature are mostly located in Hyderabad's City taluka and the area that forms part of older areas of the city.

The terms of reference (ToRs) for the cell encompass architectural and cultural heritage sites, including but not limited to monuments, historic buildings, bazaars, tombs, shrines, temples and culturally significant sites.

The cell is supposed to identify the sites, prevent encroachments on and facilitate removal of such encroachments from such sites and their immediate surroundings in coordination with the authorities concerned.

It is also supposed to ensure protection of structural integrity, visibility and historical character of such sites and their long term preservation.

The cell will be "documenting heritage sites through photographs, videos, drawings and other appropriate media; and maintain a digitally archived, publicly accessible repository of such documentation", read the ToRs.

It will also conduct research and document the history of identified heritage sites using documentary evidence, archival records, scholarly sources, oral histories and other reliable references. It will make the collected data, documentation and records publicly available to individuals, researchers, institutions and organisations upon application, subject to applicable rules and regulations. The cell will coordinate with government departments, academic institutions, heritage experts, civil society organisations and other entities for heritage preservation, conservation, research and community uplift.

Violation of Antiquity Act

An official of the culture department told *Dawn* on Friday that a letter has been addressed to the AC City and the Regional Director of the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) to get stopped the ongoing construction at the protected site of Pucca Qila.

The letter is perhaps yet to reach the AC City, who denied having received the same when asked about it on Friday.

The official citing the letter said: "it is a plot of considerable size where construction is underway and probably the claimant says he has documents from Katchi Abadis [department]".

The letter read that the fort and its adjoining fortification wall inside and outside fall within the purview of the Antiquity Act and such construction is a clear violation of the Act.

The assistant archaeological engineer / in-charge of the Pucca Fort has requested action to immediately stop the illegal construction work to protect it from further destruction.

Such complaints about destruction of the fort's wall or illegal construction in or outside the wall have remained common over the years.

After PIA, more national assets will be put on sale, claims JI leader

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Naib Emir Liaquat Baloch has said that after the recent sale of PIA, a plan to sell away more organisations, including Wapda and Pakistan Steel, is also in the pipeline.

He was speaking at a reception hosted in his honour by party workers here on Friday evening.

He lamented that political parties had become "a tool of establishment for the sake of power".

According to him, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has been given Sindh and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Punjab under a formula; Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been handed over to the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) considering the party's popularity.

Baloch said that the irony of Balochistan politics was that members and assembly were toeing the line of establishment. "Elections have become a joke where mandate is stolen," he remarked.

He noted that in every election, either RTS failed or sometimes 35 punctures become an issue while sometime Form 47 surfaced.

The JI leader said: "Every political party becomes a stick of the establishment in order to seek power. The PPP has handed over its politics to the establishment and remains at its disposal so that it could be used any time".

He said that actually political parties, and not the civil-military bureaucracy were responsible for all this because they (political parties) were enjoying this kind of politics.

He said that characterless politicians and plunderers of resources could not correct the course of economy.

Liaquat Baloch said that Sindh remained in ruins although the establishment had handed it over to PPP long time ago.

He observed that the health sector was facing destruction. A new formula of resource distribution under the National Finance Commission (NFC) gave more funds to provinces but Sindh faced "loot of its resources".

He alleged that the recent constitutional amendments were made at will and, therefore, JI believed that politicians should pull out of politics from the blind alley as it was their responsibility.

He said the JI wanted an independent judiciary and the national resources to be distributed judiciously.

He said that usuary had increased in banking and corruption had reached its zenith.

Internal and external forces were out to destabilise Pakistan, he observed, and claimed that those who deviated from constitution were becoming dangerous for the country.

Two men, woman killed as two cars collide

NAWABSHAH: Two men and a woman were killed and another two persons were injured in a collision between two speeding cars in the Bucheri Chowdagi area, of Benazirabad district, on Friday.

The deceased were identified as Tahir Arain, 55, Kashif Arain, 32, and Ms Anam Arain, 29, who all died on the spot.

The injured were identified as Mohammad Ahmed and Mohammad Azlan.

The victims were transported to the Peoples Medical University Hospital, Nawabshah, where a postmortem of the bodies was performed and the injured were admitted for treatment.

The Baloo Ja Quba police took both the cars into their custody and started an investigation.—Our Correspondent

Stolen Wapda cables recovered

SUKKUR: The Ghotki police on Friday recovered stolen Wapda cables and arrested a suspect from near the Narli Bridge, within the limits of the Dad Leghari police station in the city.

They said that a police team led by SHO Zulfiqar Ali Mahar, acting upon a tip-off, intercepted and arrested the suspect,

Safdar Ali Malik, a resident of the Deen Shah Shrine area of Mirpur Mathelo taluka. A big quantity of Wapda's electric cables were seized from him, they said.

They claimed that he was involved in multiple cases of theft and was booked in one such case at the same police station.—Correspondent

Prisoner dies 'by suicide' in Thatta jail

THATTA: A judicial magistrate and SHO of the Makli police station, along with a police force, visited to the newly built Thatta District Jail on Friday after death of an inmate during previous night which caused panic among other prisoners.

The deceased, Hussain Mallah, a resident of Sujawal, was found dead in his cell and as soon as other prisoners came to know about his death, they got panicked.

After visiting the cell and interacting with the jail administration, the SHO told media and the rights activists gathered outside that Mallah seemed to have died by suicide but the actual cause of his death could be determined only after a postmortem report was issued.

The jail administration did not issue any statement regarding the alleged suicide till late in the evening.

An inquiry into the matter is already underway, the SHO said.

The judicial magistrate supervised the postmortem while the Makli and jail police remained busy pacifying prisoners inside and activists outside.

Journalists and activists kept demanding access to Mallah's cell but they were not allowed to enter the jail.—Correspondent

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

(Method of Procurement: Single Stage - Two Envelope Procedure)

Tenders are invited E-Bid through newly method of "EPADS" on Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure from eligible bidders as per details below, strictly in accordance with SPPRA's E-Procurement submission requirements:

SN	Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost	Bid Security	Tender Cost Rs.	PEC Category with Codes
1.	**IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF TRAFFIC CORRIDORS OF KARACHI. (ADP #1942/ 2025-26).**				
a)	RASHID MINHAS ROAD: From Drigh Road (Shahrah-e-Faisal) to Shahrah-e-Usman 4-K Chowrangi via Nagan Chowrangi (Package-01).	1,12,85,34,805/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-1 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01,CE02(i), CE09, CE10,EE06.
b)	S.M TAUFIQ ROAD: From Liaquatabad Flyover to Teen Hatti Bridge (Package-02).	42,90,90,895/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-3 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01,CE02, CE09, CE10, EE06.
c)	SIR SHAH MUHAMMAD SULEMAN ROAD: From Karsaz (Shahrah-E-Faisal) to Nazimabab (Habib Bank Chowrangi) (Package-03).	57,48,78,900/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-2 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01,CE02, CE09, CE10,EE06.
d)	PEHALWAN GOTH ROAD: From Habib University to Race Course Road Safoora (Package-04).	1,99,80,34,280/-	5% of Estimated Cost	5,000/-	Valid PEC License in Category C-1 or above alongwith the fields of specialization codes CE01,CE09, CE10, EE06, CE11(vii)

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:

a) The participants must quote their rates both in words and figures.
b) Bid should be signed along-with company's stamp.
c) Bid Security / Earnest Money should be made from the Account of the Company / Firm of the participant.
d) Bank Guarantee or Pay Order of the Bid Security shall be uploaded along-with Bid on the website of "EPADS SPPRA Sindh as well as shall be submit Physically before opening of the bid in the Office of the Chairman Procurement Committee, Engineering Department KMC situated, Behind Dawood Engineering University New M.A.Jinnah Road Muslimabad Karachi.
e) Integrity Pact on the Stamp Paper worth Rs.200/-.
f) The bidder shall submit non-refundable tender cost as mentioned in the NIT in shape of Pay-Order from any scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favour of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) before opening.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

a) Copy of CNIC.
b) Valid PEC and Category relevant field of specialization codes (where applicable).
c) Valid NTN Certificate (The bidder shall be on active Tax payer List. of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
d) Valid SRB Registration Certificate. (The bidder must be on active Tax payer List of Sindh Revenue Board (SRB).
e) Valid Professional Tax Certificate.
f) Proposed Construction Schedule: The Bidder must provided Construction Schedule in Bar Chart as per Appendix-E. (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
g) Valid Electrical License from Government of Sindh (Karachi Region).
h) Affidavit / Undertaking regarding Firm never been black listed OR not involved in any Court Case/Litigation with any Government/Semi Government Department for the last five years.
i) Average Annual Turnover at least:
   1. Package.01 Rs.1128.534 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
   2. Package.02 Rs. 429.090 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
   3. Package.03 Rs. 574.878 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
   4. Package.04 Rs. 2000.00 Million Minimum cost of the scheme / project during last five years.
j) Annual Audit Report of last five years from (ICAP) Registration Audit Firms, Audit Report issued other than (ICAP) registered audit firms will not be accepted.
k) List of Machinery and Equipment available with documentary evidence of its ownership / Lease / rented (as required and mentioned in Bidding Documents).
l) All documents submitted / uploaded by bidder must be attested by bidder.
m) Specific Construction Experience in similar nature of work (s) executed during the last five year(s) duly supported with completion certificates (as 100%)
   1. At least one similar nature of work having minimum cost 80% of the estimated cost of work: OR
   2. At least two similar nature works each having minimum cost 50% of the estimated cost:
n) Bio data of Engineering and Technical Staff working with the firm as required and mentioned in bidding documents.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **Bidding / Tender Documents:** Bidding Documents shall be downloaded from the website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) of SPPRA Sindh.
2. **Submission Date:**
   All bids (Technical & Financial) must be submitted ONLINE only via SPPRA e-Procurement System "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) both the Technical and Financial Proposal shall be submitted / uploaded in respective section and manual physical submissions will not be accepted.
   Bid shall be submitted online on or before 22-01-2026 by 11:00 AM and only the Technical Bid will be initially opened on 22-01-2026 by 11:30 AM at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee Engineering Department KMC in the presence of the Procurement Committee as well as the presence of the interested Contractors or their representatives.
3. **Funded Through:** Provincial ADP (2025-26).
4. **Bid Validity Period**: 90 Days
5. **Under following Conditions bid will be rejected**:
   i. Hard Copy of Bid or by Hand bid will not be accepted.
   ii. Conditional Bid will not be accepted.
   iii. Bid uploaded / submitted after specified date and time.
   iv. Black listed firms.
   v. Submitted Documents if found forged at any stage.
   vi. Pay-Order of the Bid Security submitted physically before the date of opening.
6. The competent authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals subject to the relevant provision of SPPRA Rules.
7. Interested bidders are requested to register their firm(s) / company(s) on SPPRA website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) for submission of e-bid.
8. The technical proposals submitted by the bidders will be evaluated by Procurement Committee as per evaluation criteria and mandatory requirements given in the Technical Proposal and thereafter financial proposals of technically qualified bids will be opened by the same Committee on the date and time to be communicated to the technically qualified bidders.
9. The financial proposals of the bids, found technically non-responsive shall be returned unopened to the respective bidders.
10. In case the date of opening or last date of sale is declared as a public holiday by the Government or non-working day due to any reason, the next working day shall be deemed to be the date for last date of sale and submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.
11. **Bid Security:** Bid Security as mentioned above in shape of pay order or Bank Guarantee (on specified Performa) attached with the Technical Offer in favor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) shall be enclosed as follows: -
    Package .01
    a) Rs. 20.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
    b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 20.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope.
    c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
    Package .02
    a) Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
    b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope.
    c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
    Package .03
    a) Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
    b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 10.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope.
    c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
    Package.04
    a) Rs. 40.00 Million shall be enclosed with Technical Offer Envelope as part of Bid Security. Otherwise the bid will not be evaluated.
    b) Balance Bid Security Amount after deducting Rs. 40.00 Million shall be enclosed with Financial Offer Envelope.
    c) The Bid Security of qualified and non-qualified both will be retained till finalization to award of work.
12. Canvassing in connection with tendering is strictly prohibited and proposals submitted by the contractors who are reported to be involved in canvassing are liable for rejection.
13. Joint Venture (JV) will not be allowed.
14. All SPPRA Rules / Notifications must be followed.

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